

SAN ANTONIO OVER- RUN BY MEXICANS

MRS. OLIVE WRIGHT, FORMER MINOT RESIDENT, WRITES OF UNSANITARY CONDITIONS OF MEXICAN PORTION OF THAT CITY.

Mrs. Olive Wright, mother of Mrs. W. H. Reighart, a former resident of this city, writes the Independent an interesting letter from San Antonio, Tex., where she has made her home for several years. She says:

"We are having torrid weather down here, but we always have a fine breeze at night and can always sleep most comfortably. The cantaloupe season is here and the fruit very plentiful. Peaches are also plentiful. There is a little sweet variety called the honey peach that is delicious and unlike our northern peaches. Otherwise, our northern peach and in fact all our northern fruit is much better flavored. The figs are scarce this season on account of frost.

"This town is over-run with Mexican refugees of all classes—the very rich, the well to do, the poor and the beggar. It is a serious condition to keep the Mexican part of the town sanitary, as you know the Mexican people seem to love and to thrive in dirt and filth, unless made to clean up."

LEAVENWORTH PRISON DOES NOT WANT MAY PETERSON

May Peterson, a comely Minot young woman convicted in Federal court of the charge of white slavery, was sentenced to serve a year in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The young woman was taken to the prison, but for some reason the authorities refused to accept her and she has been returned to Fargo. She is making an effort to be released on the grounds that the Judge sentenced her to the wrong place, but it is believed that she will have to serve her time just the same. The Peterson woman took a young Sawyer girl to Kansas City, Mo., and placed her in a house of ill fame. May Peterson was formerly May Lochmiller before her marriage and she has caused the local police trouble more than once.

UNION NATIONAL LETS CONTRACT

WESTERN BUILDING CO. WILL START AT ONCE REMODELING OPERA HOUSE BLOCK—BANK WILL HAVE BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME.

The Union National Bank has let the contract for remodeling the three story Opera House block and putting in a new Bedford stone front to the Western Building Co., a new contracting concern, for \$10,550, and work will start at once. Mr. Knudson and Mr. Jensen are connected with the new company and they have charge of building the Ringo block.

When the improvements are made at the Opera House block, one will not know the place. The stairway leading to the opera house will be removed to the north end of the building and the door leading to the bank will be placed in the center. An enclosed stairway will lead to the Opera Barber Shop from a door placed on the south. A side door will be placed in the bank.

The opera house proper will be remodeled. New fire escapes and exits will be installed, making the house perfectly safe. The building will be strengthened with beams and pillars.

A new tile floor will be laid at the Opera barber shop. New bath rooms will be arranged and the shop will be made one of the finest in the Northwest.

The contract does not include the new bank fixtures which will be installed at an expense of several thousand dollars. The bank will have a good deal of additional space. The lobby will be enlarged and the appointments in general made more convenient. When all of the improvements are completed, the Union National will have one of the finest homes in the state.

WEST POINT WANTS

YOUNG MEN.

Any young man desiring to secure an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, should send his application to U. S. Senator A. J. Gronna, Lakota, North Dakota. One principal and two alternates will be named for a vacancy at the academy occurring next June; the entrance examinations, mental and

physical, will be given at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, next March. Candidates must be not less than 17 nor more than 22 years of age on the date of admission. A candidate should have a natural aptitude for, and a thorough grounding in, mathematics, otherwise, even if he passed the entrance examination successfully, he would find great difficulty in completing the course at the academy. The entrance examination covers algebra, plane geometry, English grammar, English composition and English literature, geography, United States history and general history.

When writing Senator Gronna, an applicant should give his full name, the place and date of his birth, the number of years he has been a resident of North Dakota, his previous education, when practicable the standing received in high school and college grade, his approximate height, his approximate weight, and the general condition of his health. The application should be accompanied by testimonials from two responsible citizens as to the applicant's character and habits.

HAD PREMONITION OF MOTHER'S DEATH.

Grand Forks, N. D., July 21.—Nearly 400 miles away from home at the time of the death of his mother, Mrs. A. McGonegal of this city on Sunday, in spite of the failure of every effort to locate him by wire and telephone, Edwin McGonegal of Aberdeen, S. D., arrived in Grand Forks in time to attend the funeral, held from the Church of God on Cottonwood street yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McGonegal had known of his mother's serious condition, but had received no intimation that she was near death, yet a premonition that "something was wrong" impelled him to come to this city with all haste. He arrived just in time for the funeral.

NO COLORED BRETHREN.

Our Stringtown correspondent called us up by phone Saturday morning and called our attention to an unusual error that appeared in last week's items. Referring to some young people who attended a ball game, the correspondent wrote "be-loved brethren." The machine man got his wires crossed and set "colored brethren." Now there are no colored people in Stringtown. They are all mighty white people and if we don't hasten to make this correction, we fear that we will get scalped.

Tufeson Has Kick Coming.
Nels Tufeson: "I see by the Independent that there is scarcely a house for rent in Minot. I want to say that I have five cottages for rent and there are two or three more that I know of. I understood also that taxes on real estate would be reduced 25 per cent this year, but my taxes are just the same."

SONS OF NORWAY TO BUILD AT ONCE

FROST GETS CONTRACT FOR THE PLANS FOR TWO STORY BLOCK 50x100 FEET—WILL BE COMPLETED BY NOV. 1.

The building association of the Sons of Norway have given R. T. Frost the contract for the plans and specifications of a two-story brick block and full basement, 50x100 feet on West Central avenue, which will be completed by November 1.

The first floor will be rented for some line of business and seven office rooms will be located on the second floor. At the rear of the offices will be the Sons of Norway hall, 35x50 feet with gallery. This hall will be rented for various purposes. At the rear will be located the kitchen, dining and club rooms. The lot and building will cost approximately \$30,000.

The Sons of Norway lodge in Minot has 60 members in good standing. Not one has taken more than \$100 worth of stock, the object being to get as many as possible interested in the association. Any person of Scandinavian descent will be allowed to buy stock in the concern.

HAVRE'S GAS WELL

SECOND IN THE U. S.

J. H. Peelman, formerly of Ward county, now proprietor of the Windsor and Hoover hotels at Havre, Mont., writes the Independent regarding the discovery of gas at Havre. Two small wells had been found previous to the big one which is located two miles east of the city and ten rods from the railroad track. The big well has a flow of 15,000,000 feet of gas in 24 hours, being the second in flow in the United States. The only well that will beat it is located in Pennsylvania. The Havre well is 940 feet deep and other wells are being drilled.

Crops of all kinds are looking fine. Winter rye is ready to cut and it is estimated the yield will be 40 bushels per acre. Winter wheat is about ripe and its yield is estimated at from 30 to 40 bushels.

FIRE AT ROSS.

Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the livery stable at Ross last Sunday morning. The loss was total as no insurance was carried.

AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS PERFECT

FIELDS OF WONDERFULLY FINE GRAIN ARE TO BE SEEN EVERYWHERE—SEASON IS TWO WEEKS LATER THAN A YEAR AGO.

Grain throut the county is making wonderful progress. Never in the 14 years we have resided in Ward county have we seen such prospects for a bumper crop. There is no evidence of rust anywhere. Many wheat fields are heading and they stand three or four feet high. The color is perfect and the stand is excellent. The heads are unusually long, measuring from three to four inches. If misfortune does not visit our farmers, there will be plenty of 25 and 30 bushel crops of wheat.

Oats, flax, barley, winter rye, timothy, bromus and all other crops are simply wonderful.

Rye harvest will be on in about a week. The fields have turned a beautiful brown and the crop is filling out perfectly. The yield looks good for 15 to 20 bushels. The season is considerably later than a year ago. In 1914 winter rye was harvested a day or two after July 4. Much wheat was harvested during the early part of August. This year not much wheat will be ripe before the last of September and if frost holds off that long, many a farmer will become wealthy from this season's crop.

Marquis wheat is showing up well this year and so is Durum. Marquis wheat will be ripe about August 20.

Last year the first wheat was threshed August 20, but the season is fully two weeks later this year. Farmers tell us that wheat ripens about five weeks after the heads come out.

H. E. PECK HIGH MAN IN TOURNAMENT

HENRY LOECHEL, GLENBURN SOD BUSTER, CLOSE SECOND—BEST SHOOT EVER HELD IN MINOT.

The best shooting tournament ever held in Minot was pulled off on the local grounds Tuesday and Wednesday. The best scores were made in the history of the club.

H. E. Peck of Kenmare was high in the two days with 284 out of 300 pigeons to his credit. Henry Loechel, a Glenburn farmer, dubbed "The Glenburn sod buster," was second with 277 birds to his credit. In Wednesday's shoot, he was high, not missing a bird out of the first 45. His work was considered wonderful, inasmuch as he is out of practice.

Minot is figuring on landing the 1917 state tournament. Lisbon gets it next year.

The following scores were made the first day, those marked (p) being professionals:

Out of possible 150—
H. E. Peck, Kenmare, 141.
P. P. Barber (p), 140.
J. E. Dickey (p), Minneapolis, 138.
J. H. Stair (p), Crookston, 136.
C. H. Parker, 136.
Dr. J. R. Pence, 134.
Chas. Ulmer, Lisbon, 134.
H. C. Lochel, Glenburn, 133.
Dr. H. L. Saylor, Cogswell, 132.
C. W. Hymer (p), Minneapolis, 131.
W. J. Rowe, Crookston, 131.
A. R. Chezek, Portal, 128.
Jas. Collins (p), 119.
C. Saunders, 113.
J. A. Roell, 108.
A. C. Solberg, 95.
S. Manson, 78.
C. C. Wyson, 62.
Out of possible 120—
J. F. Forde, 98.
Out of possible 60—
P. H. White, 45.
Out of possible 45—
A. E. Bonot, 21.
Out of possible 30—
N. J. Larson, 26.
Dr. C. C. Nugent, 22.
E. C. Copeland, 20.
C. Lindberg, 16.
Out of possible 15—
P. V. McCoy, 11.
The following is the result of the second day:
Loechel 144; Peck 143; Chezek, 143; Dickey 143; Hymer 142; Stair 142; Barber 139; Forde 134; Parker 131; Saylor 130; Pence 130; Collins 115; Rowe 134; Saunders 115; Roell 118; Bodeak 117; White 108; Wyson 88. Nugent got 63 out of 175.

Remembered North Dakota Ministers.

Mrs. Sarah E. Batterson, a wealthy Philadelphia woman died June 29 and left many ministers of the United States \$1,000 in her will. Rev. John K. Burleson of Grand Forks and Rev. Edward Burleson of Jamestown will receive \$1,000 each. The woman's husband was former rector of the Episcopal church of Philadelphia. One of the largest bequests leaves \$60,000 to Florence E. Moberly in recognition for services rendered Mrs. Batterson's husband and for kindness to the woman after his death.

LEO FRANK ATTACK- ED BY PRISONER

ANOTHER LIFER SLASHES MAN'S THROAT WITH A BUTCHER KNIFE AND YOUNG JEW MAY LOSE LIFE.

Leo Frank, convicted of the murder of the Atlanta, Ga., factory girl, and whose sentence was recently commuted by former Governor Slaton, was attacked by a fellow prisoner, one Green, serving a life sentence for murder, at the state prison at Milledgeville, Ga.

Frank was sleeping soundly at 11 o'clock Saturday night when Green slipped away from his cell and stabbed him in the neck with a butcher knife that had been made from a file. The jugular vein was severed, a horrible jagged wound being made. Frank jumped to the floor and Green left hurriedly. Two doctors serving time in prison gave the man first aid and the regular prison surgeon soon arrived. Frank is hovering between life and death with the chances against him.

Capt. Willman and Party Leave
Capt. Fred Willman and his party of Isaac Waltons comprising A. A. Robinson, Geo. McGee, R. E. Barron and A. M. Thompson hied themselves away to the wilds of Park Rapids, Minn., last Saturday where they are away from the cares of busy Minot. Capt. Willman took a book of just fifty dollar bills with which he will astonish the natives and buy bait.

Guy Frank's Mother Ill.
Guy Frank was called to Oil City, Pa., last week by the precarious condition of his mother who has dropsy of the heart. It is believed that her death is a matter of but a short time.

TWO LANSFORD AUTOS COLLIDED

ROBERT DAVIS AND DR. FOSTER IN THE CITY GETTING REPAIRS FOR THEIR NEW CARS—TWO YOUNG WOMEN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

An Overland car owned by Robert Davis, traveling at the rate of 35 miles an hour crashed into a new Hudson, six cylinder car owned by Dr. Foster, a Lansford dentist, one and one-half miles south of Lansford Friday morning, the latter machine traveling at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The Davis car carried six passengers and Foster was the only occupant of his car. All were thrown heavily to the ground. The Misses Mary and Marcella Madigan were seriously injured and are confined to their beds at their home. They will recover.

Robert Davis is in the city today for repairs for his car, which was damaged to the extent of \$250. The Hudson car was damaged fully \$350.

Robert and Patsy Davis and the two Madigan girls and two others were in the Overland. So great was the impact that when the car stopped, they were all forced out to the ground, taking the doors with them.

Davis claims that Foster turned out on the wrong side of the road.

THE MINOT BURNS CLUB.

The sons and daughters of "Auld Scotia" assembled on Thursday last, the 15th inst., at Wildwood Park, which was kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wheeler, in which to hold their annual picnic and sing the songs of the Immortal Ploughman Poet of Ayr.

The day was a most pleasant one for the outing and the new Auditorium well adapted for the music that was so beautifully rendered.

The program was excellent and was entirely of a Scottish nature and it is needless to say that every number was listened to with marked attention.

At every meeting of the Burns Club since its first formation here some years ago it has been the constant practice to open up their program with "There Was a Lad Was Born in Kyle." Then Mrs. Alexander Scarlett in her usual good style rendered "The Scottish Airs," which were very much appreciated under her manipulation. This lady is of Scotch parentage and is entitled to wear the Tartan of Argyle or the Argyll and the "Black Watch." Mr. Hetherington, the President of the Club, is always popular in the songs of the Highland and he rendered his most choice selection, "Cam Ye by Athol," in which he throws his whole heart into the gathering of the men at Athol. Mrs. Wm. Murray, the only lady present at this gathering who is entitled to wear a Tartan of her own; for the Clan of Murray are entitled to wear the double Tartan. The male one and the female another. This honor was conferred for the valiant stand the Murray Clan took in the Highlands for the cause of the Duke of Montrose. Mrs. Murray always ready to assist, rendered in an inimitable style "The New Precursor." This lady always brings the humorous side

of the Club to the front. While Mrs. John Campbell, the descendant of that gallant clan whose name and glory is recorded wherever the Scottish tongue is spoken, "Jesse's dream" as she tossed with her mother on the prison bed at Lucknow. When in a feverish state of mind she shook her mother and in her dream said, "Wake, mother, wake, we are saved, the Campbells are coming." Mrs. Campbell in her usual good style, rendered a very humorous selection which kept her audience in fits of laughter, "Biddy's Struggles with the Yankee."

As an old Scotchman said to the reporter of the Independent, "The Burns Club of Minot has a roll call of some of the best bloods in Scotland. Men who themselves and their forefathers stood for right against wrong and for freedom and their liberty and when you go among them not one word escapes their lips regarding the present war going on in Europe, tho they are daily losing their own flesh and blood. They have their thoughts but they are kept locked up to themselves."

It is needless to say that the dishes were all of Scottish cooking and as it was a basket picnic, the amalgamation of the contents of the various baskets made a table garnished fit for any company.

The many guests invited, though not of a Scottish origin, always sympathize with the efforts of the Burns Club to keep green in their memory the homes left far behind them across the seas.

The members were present in goodly numbers and the following is a list of those we observed in attendance:

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dinnie, Mrs. W. G. Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wheeler, Miss C. Ross, Reverend J. N. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Norbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bell, Mrs. John Campbell, Reverend and Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Mr. O. P. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. McCannel, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McCannel, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. DuVall, President and Mrs. A. G. Crane and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Van Fleet, Mr. James A. Bamford, Mrs. Wm. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. Alexander Scarlett.

Colonel Scarlett was unable to be present as he was on duty call with the North Dakota Regiment at their annual encampment at Devils Lake.

DR. RENNER'S SON IN- JURED BY A GUN

Dr. U. Renner's 3-year-old young hopeful, Joe, injured his chin this morning, while fooling with a .22 rifle. The doctor spied a chicken hawk and got out the gun, but the hawk got away. He took the cartridge out of the shooting iron and put it away but after he left young Joe got the cartridge, placed it in the gun and shot it off. The recoil cut the lad's chin.

JAMES SMITH FOUND GUILTY OF RAPE

COLORED MAN WHO ATTACKED YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN IN A BUILDING ON MAIN STREET, MUST SERVE TIME.

James Smith, the young negro shine, who committed the crime of rape upon Mrs. Emily Snell, a young colored woman, 21 years of age, at his establishment in the basement of a Minot Main street business block on the night of May 20, was found guilty by a jury in district court Wednesday morning. He has not received his sentence.

The woman was placed on the stand and told a straightforward story. She said she was not a common colored street walker, but was a native of the British West Indies. She said she met Smith at Gregg's place and he told her he owned the finest shoe shining parlor in the west. He asked her to see the place. She left the home and started out for a stroll when Williams followed and coaxed her to go to the room at 10 o'clock at night. As they walked past the police station, Smith went ahead and waited for the woman to overtake him. As they entered the place, Smith dismissed another shine, slammed the door shut, closed the windows and pulled down the shades. The woman said she remonstrated, saying this would not look well. Smith then made known his purpose and she remonstrated. He threw her heavily to the floor but she got up and tried the door, which was locked. He pulled her into the vault, placed his handkerchief in her mouth so she could make no outcry and accomplished his purpose. In the scuffle the woman's hand was injured and he pulled her across the street to a drug store to get some liniment. Officer John Reed arrested the couple and took them to the city jail, where they remained during the night. One of the exhibits used in the trial was a cross which had been forced against the woman's neck, leaving its imprint.

At a special meeting of the school board Saturday night, the contract to furnish coal to the Minot school district was awarded to L. D. Colton of Burlington. He will receive \$2.45 per ton.

The Independent for up-to-date commercial printing.

POLICE ARRESTED I. W. W. AGITATOR

STRANGER WHO THREATENED TO DO THINGS TO MINOT GETS 20 DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR VAGRANCY.

Carl Jacobs, an I. W. W. agitator, arrived from Iowa where he has been working in the interests of the I. W. W.'s at the Davenport and Sioux City labor conflicts and started an agitation for his cause. He wrote a letter to the chief of police, Dan Dougherty, telling all the bad things the I. W. W.'s would do to our city in the event that the city again interfered with their plans. The man has been distributing literature and creating a little excitement. He was arrested, charged with vagrancy and given 20 days in jail.

Attorney Chas. D. Kelso appeared for Jacobs and Attorney Bradford for the city.

The I. W. W.'s threaten to cause trouble in the city again. Chief Dougherty does not invite trouble, but states that he is ready for it in case it comes.

BODY OF YOUNG DE- GENERATE UNCLAIMED

The body of E. O. Edwards, the young man who committed suicide at the city jail Thursday morning, remains unclaimed at Ainsworth, Neb., the old home, where it was shipped by Jos. Rowan, a local undertaker. The body is held by the express company for \$165 charges, which included \$42 transportation. The relatives evidently have learned of the crime committed by the young man prior to his taking his own life and do not care to go to the expense of taking the body from the express office.

The Minot, Western Express company, agent, is said to have guaranteed payment of the charges at the Nebraska destination. If the body is not claimed it will probably be returned to Minot in a few days when a \$42 additional transportation will be added. Mr. Rowan, the undertaker, has employed an attorney to attend to his interests.

THREE HUNDRED AT DAIRY PICNIC

LARGE CROWD HEARS INTERESTING ADDRESSES ON DAIRYING AT ELMWOOD FARM—WILL BE ANNUAL AFFAIR BY MINOT DAIRY CO.

The first annual picnic of the Minot Dairy Co., held at Major Person's farm last Thursday, was attended by three hundred friends of the concern. The day was ideal and the beautiful wooded farm afforded an ideal place for the outing. The merry makers took their lunch baskets and at noon coffee and ice cream were served by the company.

After lunch an interesting program was rendered. The address of welcome was given by J. E. Elsberry, president of the Minot Dairy Co. Mr. Elsberry's remarks made all feel at home.

Peter Miller, dairy commissioner of the state, gave a fine talk on dairying in general. He praised the Minot Dairy Co., and said that the plant was the most sanitary in the state. He also remarked that the Minot Dairy Co. had paid the highest price of any plant in the state for butterfat.

Talks were given by E. S. Pierce, assistant dairy commissioner; Mr. Edwards, assistant to W. A. Peck, county agricultural agent; L. V. Parker, state chemist, who spoke on sanitation; Dr. E. J. Walsh, who spoke on contagious and infectious diseases; Clarence Moulton, the butter maker at the creamery, on the care of milk; E. S. Person, M. R. Porter, Mr. Sorenson, manager of Elmwood Farm, W. D. Wilson, manager of the creamery, James Johnson, and others also spoke.

After the program, the visitors were shown about the fine farm. They saw the Major's herd of registered Guernsey cows, including the state's champion, Lura Bettina. They were delighted with the registered Duroc Jersey hogs, with the fine field of alfalfa and corn, and other crops. The day will long be remembered.

Girt Attempts Suicide at Road House
The Independent learns that a young woman who is stopping at a Road House two miles west of the city, attempted to take her life Tuesday by drinking carbolic acid. The physician saved her life. The matter was not reported to the authorities.